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April 21, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

27 APRIL 21, 2009

Dear Supervisors:

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:
INDIAN FALLS/SPRINGS ESTATES AREA
SANTA SUSANA PASS MULTI-USE TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
ESTABLISH CAPITAL PROJECT
APPROVE TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET
SPECS. 7012; C.P. 77489
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (4 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Establish the Indian Falls/Springs Estates Area – Santa Susana Pass Multi-Use Trail Improvement project and approve the budget and related appropriation adjustment.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find the Indian Falls/Springs Estates Area – Santa Susana Pass Multi-Use Trail Improvement project to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the project files.
2. Establish the Indian Falls/Springs Estates Area – Santa Susana Pass Multi-Use Trail Improvement project (C.P. 77489), approve a total project budget of \$615,900, and authorize the Director of Public Works to carry out the project.

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3. Approve an appropriation adjustment to transfer \$516,000 into C.P. 77489 from the Sunshine Canyon Landfill trust account and available community enhancement fees previously paid for a local condominium development to complete project funding.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), establish C.P. 77489, and authorize the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to carry out the Indian Falls/Springs Estates Area – Santa Susana Pass Multi-Use Trail Improvement project. The proposed project will enhance the "Rim-of-the Valley" and other existing or planned multi-use trails within the north San Fernando Valley area.

The overall project includes construction of varying degrees of trail improvements within five distinct trail segments as described below. The five trail segments are contiguous and together total 1.7 miles in length. The project will also include the acquisition of new trail easements and all associated right-of-way activities, demolition of select areas of an existing landscape parkway necessary to construct the new trail, and construction of storm drain improvements to protect the trail. The project will also include the installation of regulatory/safety, directional, and identification trail signage where required on existing trails to ensure improved trail access and circulation.

The proposed improvements will be completed using a Public Works Job Order Contract (JOC) delivery method.

Trail Segment One – Indian Falls/Springs Estates Iverson Road – Parkway Area

Trail segment one includes the acquisition of a new trail easement in the adjacent landscaped parkway and subsequent vacation of an existing trail easement located within Iverson Road right-of-way.

All required easement acquisition activities will be performed by Public Works' Mapping and Property Management Division and will include vacation of the existing trail easements upon recordation of the new trail alignment.

Upon completion of the above activities, construction of the multi-use recreation trail will be initiated. This work consists of the removal of large naturally occurring boulders and minor grading to level the proposed trail surface, paving of the proposed trail with decomposed granite, installation of concrete curb trail edging, and modifications and repair of the existing parkway irrigation system and landscape.

This trail segment will also include the installation of interpretive, regulatory/safety, directional, and trail identification signage as required.

Trail Segment Two – Indian Falls Estates Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Easement

Trail segment two includes the acquisition of a new trail easement overlaying the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District easement located behind the homes along La Quilla Drive and vacation of an existing trail easement located within the La Quilla Drive road right-of-way. Concurrently, the County will establish a storm drain easement within a section of the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District easement to allow construction of storm drain improvements necessary to protect the proposed trail. Trail interpretive, identification, regulatory/safety, directional, and information signage will also be installed where required.

Trail Segments Three and Four – Indian Falls Estates Existing County Trails

The improvements to these existing County trail segments are limited to the installation of identification, regulatory/safety, directional, and information signage as required.

Trail Segment Five – Assessor's Parcel Nos. 2821-025-0001 and 2816-031-001

Trail segment five includes the acquisition of a new trail easement over adjacent vacant parcels outside the subject community; and vacation of an existing trail easement located within the Indian Falls Estates road right-of-way along Poema Place, Macoda Lane, Annepe Way, and a portion of La Quilla Drive.

All required aerial surveying and mapping of the vacant parcels for the trail realignment has been initiated by the Indian Falls Estates Homeowner's Association in good faith through Sikand Engineers in anticipation of the subject project. Any additional mapping and property acquisition activities will be performed by Public Works' Mapping and Property Management Division, including vacation of the existing trail easements within the Indian Falls Estates road right-of-way (identified above) upon recording of the new trail alignment.

This trail segment will also include the installation of identification, regulatory/safety, directional, and information signage.

In addition, trail signage will also be installed on a de-facto trail across vacant parcel (Assessor's Parcel No. 282-1024-007) that currently includes a "blanket easement for the purpose of equestrian riding and hiking" contiguous with the parcels identified above.

Sustainable Design Program

The project will support your Board's Sustainable Design Program by incorporating eco-friendly wood alternative sign post materials and water conserving irrigation materials and equipment into the project design and construction.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide cultural and recreational enrichment and enhance our public works infrastructure (Goal 3). This project achieves these directives by investing in public infrastructure that will enhance recreational opportunities for County residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total project cost, including plans and specifications, plan check, construction, consultant services, miscellaneous expenditures, and County services, is currently estimated at \$615,900. The Project Schedule and Budget Summary are included in the attachment.

The non-construction costs include design, consultant services, project management, and activities necessary to acquire new trail easements and subsequent vacation of existing trail easements no longer required for trail connectivity. These tasks will be completed prior to any trail construction or other improvement work.

The proposed project is funded with Sunshine Landfill trust account funding (\$441,000) eligible for use on this project, Park-In-Lieu fees (Quimby) Park Planning Area 34A (\$100,000), and a portion of funds by condominium developer Toll Bothers related to a local development, which are eligible to be used for community enhancement projects in the local Chatsworth community at the discretion of the Fifth Supervisorial District (\$75,000). Sufficient appropriation is available in Fiscal Year 2008-09 Capital Projects Budget (C.P. 77489) to fully fund the project.

Operating Budget Impact

Based on the scope of work, the Department of Parks and Recreation (Parks and Recreation) anticipates a one-time, start-up and ongoing operating costs for maintenance staff, supplies and equipment. Parks and Recreation will work with the Chief Executive Office to determine the appropriate level of funding as the project nears completion. Funds for the one-time, start-up and ongoing operating costs will be requested in Parks and Recreation's Fiscal Year 2010-11 "New Facilities" Request, as the project is scheduled for completion in September 2010.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Since construction of the project is less than \$500,000, the project is considered exempt from the current Civic Art Policy adopted by your Board on December 7, 2004, and revised on November 18, 2008.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the CEQA Guidelines in accordance with Article 19, Sections 15301, 15302 (c), 15303, 15304 (a), 15311 (a), and 15325 (f); and the County of Los Angeles Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Classes 1, 2 (e), 4 (a), 11 (d), and 25 adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project includes refurbishment of existing park facilities (trails), replacement of existing structures (culvert), minor trail grading and paving, new signage, and transfers of ownership of interest in land to preserve land for park purposes.

Upon your Board's approval of the project, Public Works will file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Section 15062 of the State CEQA guidelines.

Therefore, the project is within a class of projects that has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment. In addition, the project is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemptions inapplicable based on the project records.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The proposed improvements will be completed using a Public Works JOC.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The existing trail will remain open during construction, but minor impacts to trail users may occur.

CONCLUSION

Please return adopted copies of this letter to the Chief Executive Office (Capital Projects Division), Parks and Recreation, and Public Works (Project Management Division I).

Respectfully submitted,



WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments

c: Arts Commission
County Counsel
Department of Parks and Recreation
Department of Public Works
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

April 21, 2009

ATTACHMENT

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I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date
Construction Documents/Mapping	02/04/10
Jurisdictional Approvals	03/01/10
Construction Start	04/19/10
Substantial Completion	08/31/10
Final Acceptance	09/30/10

II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Project Activity	Proposed Budget
Land Acquisition	\$ 0
Construction	
Low Bid Construction Contract	\$ 0
Job Order Contract	266,937
Change Orders	17,978
Departmental Crafts	0
Youth Employment	0
Construction Consultants	0
Misc. Expense (Gordian Fees)	5,500
Telecomm Equip – Affixed to Building	0
Civic Arts	0
Subtotal	\$ 290,415
Programming/Development	\$ 0
Plans and Specifications	\$ 37,466
Consultant Services	
Site Planning	\$ 0
Hazardous Materials	0
Geotech/Soils Report, Soils Testing, and Special Inspect	8,000
Material Testing	0
Cost Estimating	0
Topographic Surveys	1,500
Construction Management	0
Construction Administration	0
Environmental	0
Move Management	0
Equipment Planning	0
Legal	0
Construction/Change Order	0
Other:	0
Subtotal	\$ 9,500
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$ 0
Jurisdictional Review/Plan Check/Permit	\$ 26,500
County Services	
Code Compliance and Quality Control Inspection	\$ 18,000
Design Review	0
Design Services	0
Contract Administration	4,312
Project Management	28,469
Project Management Support Services	0
Consultant Contract Recovery	1,210
ISD Job Order Contract Management	0
DPW Job Order Contract Management	0
ISD ITS Communications	0
Project Security	0
Project Technical Support	1,500
Office of Affirmative Action	2,500
County Counsel	0
Other: Support Services	1,060
Other: Mapping and Property Management Division	194,600
Other (Land Development)	368
Subtotal	\$252,019
TOTAL	\$615,900

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REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

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No. 060

DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE

APRIL 6 2009

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THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FY 2008-09

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SOURCES

CAPITAL PROJECTS - PARKS
Indian Falls/Springs Estates Area Trails
Other Miscellaneous/CP
A01 - CP - ~~94~~ - 9923 - 65043 - 77489 \$516,000
Increase Revenue

USES

CAPITAL PROJECTS - PARKS
Indian Falls/Springs Estates Area Trails
Buildings and Improvements
A01 - CP - ~~65043~~ - ~~77489~~ - 6014 \$516,000
Increase Appropriation
65043-77489

JUSTIFICATION

Justification: To transfer funds from the Sunshine Landfill Canyon S4F account (\$441,000) and community benefit assessment funding from the Topanga Canyon Project TK7/7136 (\$75,000) for trails project.

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Teresa Lam DPR/ Jon Sanabria, DRP

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
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ACTION

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RECOMMENDATION

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